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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal unchanging God, You are our rock, our fortress, and our stronghold.

Empower our lawmakers to change in ways that will render them more faithful to Your will and more responsive to Your call. May they develop such moral and ethical fitness that they will clearly comprehend Your desires and be eager to do Your will. As they grow in grace and in knowledge of You, deliver them from the bonds of anxiety, as You turn their spirits toward the light of Your presence.

May the knowledge of Your blessings to our Nation bring us all to a deeper commitment to You.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, December 1, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator

from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business. Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each during that time. Republicans will control the first 30 minutes, and the majority will control the final 30 minutes. We are going to recess from 12:30 until 3:30 today to allow for a caucus the Democrats are having.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3991 and S. 3992

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3991) to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

A bill (S. 3992) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and entered the United States as children and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceeding with respect to these two bills.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the

bills will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

### LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last night we began the rule XIV process on two important bills—the DREAM Act and Firefighters Collective Bargaining.

It had been my intent to file cloture on both of these bills. However, supporters of the original bills requested that modifications be made.

Those changes are reflected in the bills we introduced last night, and I intend to move forward on both of these.

In addition, I intend to file cloture this week on the 9/11 health bill. So I will file cloture on all three at the same time.

The current continuing resolution expires this Friday. We are awaiting House action on short term CR which we will receive later this week.

I hope Members on both sides of the aisle will allow us to act quickly on this short term CR when we receive it.

As we work to clear the short term CR, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working on legislation to fund the government for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Earlier this morning, I received a letter from my Republican colleagues indicating they will filibuster any legislative matter brought to the floor prior to the completion of the spending and tax bills. No one is more eager to put both these issues behind us than I; however, passing either will require Republican votes. I wish I could report we are close to wrapping up action on both bills, but we are not.

The first meeting that was requested by the President is taking place this morning. Senator MCCONNELL chose Senator KYL to represent Republicans. I chose the chairman of the Finance Committee, Senator BAUCUS, to represent Democrats. So they are moving forward on that to see if there is something that can be worked out. My Republican colleagues knew this, as they

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